Docket No.: 0649-1231PUS1

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/570,130

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For: SOLID IMAGE PICK-UP ELEMENT WITH A

SINGLE LAYER ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: A. Huynh

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SUBMISSION AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE BUT PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE)

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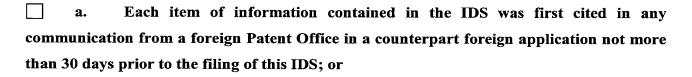
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